

# DDP 0208 DD Comprehensive Waiver Service Definitions

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## **12. Live-in Caregiver (42 CFR §441.303(f)(8))**

The payment for the additional costs of rent and food that can reasonably be attributed to an unrelated live-in caregiver who resides in the same household as the person supported. Payment will not be made when the person lives in the caregiver's home, or in a residence that is owned or leased by the provider of Medicaid services.

The staff person providing this service is an employee of an agency with a DDP contract. The service is provided by staff qualified to deliver residential habilitation. This service is limited to adults. Services are not billable when the care giver is sleeping. Specific terms and conditions of the service are specified in a written Live in Caregiver Agreement between the provider agency, the live in care giver and the person supported and require department approval. Additional residential support required by the person exceeding the value of the live in care giver reimbursement must be prior authorized by the Regional Manager and delivered in accordance with the plan of care and Live In Caregiver Agreement.

The service must include an approved back up plan in the event of a service disruption. The back up system must include an on call system in the event that emergency assistance is needed when the care giver is not available. Reimbursement for paid back up support (e.g., the live in care giver takes a two week annual vacation) would require the back up agency staff person to meet the qualified provider requirements for residential habilitation.

Legal guardians, parents of adult individuals and legally responsible persons (e.g., the spouse of an adult individual) may not provide the service. Other relatives (e.g., siblings, aunts/uncles, grandparents, cousins, sons/daughters) may provide the service.

### **Specify applicable (if any) limits on the amount, frequency, or duration of this service:**

This service is capped at \$9,000 per year. Only one agency staff person can be designated as, and be reimbursed for, the provision of live in caregiver services to the individual.

The waiver will not cover activities which are otherwise available under section 110 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the IDEA (20 U.S.C. 1401 et seq.), or EPSDT.